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### 1 [LA River Revitalization takes a Giant Leap Forward](#)

Thu Jul 24, 2014 12:04 am (PDT) . Posted by: [asncalert](#)

By Lynnette Kampe  
Mt Washington Association Newsletter

Mayor Eric Garcetti, with overwhelming support from community groups including your own MWA, successfully lobbied for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers support of the far-reaching "Alternate 20." On May 28th the LA Times reported that the Army Corps recommended approval of the \$1-billion plan to restore habitat, widen the river and return it to a more natural state. The plan includes the creation of wetlands and parkland, habitat linkages and recreational opportunities, bikeways and access points to link communities and will bring green space into the downtown industrial area. Mayor Garcetti was quoted as saying: "It's the right thing for the ecology, it's the right thing for the economy and for kids growing up separated from downtown by a concrete flood control channel."

The Army Corps' recommendation was a needed step to gain Congressional approval for funding. Fifty percent of the funding will come from the federal government with the Army Corps providing the largest share, and additional funding being sought from the Department of the Interior and Environmental

Protection Agency. The balance will come from state and local sources. Mayor Garcetti has the president's full support of the project and reported that President Obama told him: "I think we're on track for the L.A. River."

This is a huge win for Los Angeles. A revitalized LA River will create an urban oasis for wildlife, recreation, and an inviting focus for new residential and commercial development. It is estimated that the project will create 18,000 jobs, not just in the construction also in businesses related to new recreational opportunities such as kayaking, bicycling and fishing. The entire plan may not be completed for decades but now a roadmap is in place and we know where we are going. Initial funding could be available as early as next year.

L.A. River project highlights:

1. River Glen - Creation of 34 acres of riparian habitat and wetlands.
2. Taylor Yard - River widened and tributaries created for wetlands and wildlife habitat.
3. Cornfields – Tributary created to run through a new park linked to the river with green space.
4. Downtown industrial area – New landscaping with native plants between Interstates 5 and 10.

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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## 2 **Northeast L.A. drinking water showed signs of fecal contamination**

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Blue area affected by water contamination notice

Fecal bacteria were present in samples of drinking water taken last month in Northeast L.A. but later testing showed no further signs of contamination, according to the L.A. Department of Water and Power.

The fecal bacteria posed no danger to public health because there were adequate amounts of chlorine in the water and no traces of E. coli, a potentially dangerous form of bacteria associated with human and

animal waste, officials said. There is no need for residents to boil water, according to the agency. An estimated 10,500 LADWP customers across a swath of Eagle Rock, Garvanza, Hermon and Highland Park were notified of the contamination in a letter dated July 18. The tests that showed positive signs of water with total or fecal coliforms – a type of bacteria – were taken on June 23 and June 24. Follow up tests on and after June 25 no longer showed signs of contamination. “Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator, or warning, that other potentially harmful bacteria may be present,” the agency said in its letter.

The agency is conducting the investigation to determine how the fecal bacteria made it into the water supply but all recent tests have not found any presence of total or fecal coliforms; all LADWP facilities were found to have been and continue to operate normally.

“Protecting water quality is our highest priority at the LADWP,” said Jim McDaniel, senior assistant general manager of the agency’s water system, in a statement. “While we do not know precisely why this water quality issue occurred, we do know that it did not pose a threat to public health and did not rise to the level that would have required immediate public notification and a boil water order. Nevertheless, we apologize to the customers who live in the area that was affected and we want to assure them that their water is safe to drink.”

A Garvanza resident who forwarded his copy of the LADWP notice to The Eastsider said he called the agency’s customer service line to get more information but spent 45 minutes on hold without getting more info.

“I’d like to know why this happened, what’s being done to prevent this from happening moving forward and greater insight into chlorine disinfection as a solution to this problem,” said the DWP customer. “Waiting on the customer service line 45 minutes to no response won’t suffice.”

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### **3 [Glassell RC - Summer of Learning](#)**

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Dear Community Partner,

Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti invites you to participate in the Los Angeles Summer of Learning program. In partnership with LAUSD, the Los Angeles Summer of Learning aims to connect students with creative, interactive and interest-driven learning opportunities, which will help our youth learn new skills essential to their academic and professional success.

Youth are invited to participate in FREE activities throughout the city and online. We need your help to encourage and inform LA's youth!

There is still time to participate in LA's Summer of Learning program and turn the entire city into a campus!

<http://summeroflearning.la/index> <http://summeroflearning.la/index>

Help youth join LA's Summer of Learning to explore what inspires them and earn digital badges that will allow them to get recognition for what they accomplish.

Youth can also find a whole set of interactive online activities to make cool stuff, learn skills and earn badges in the process. There is a chance to be a part of the biggest free photography class in history with Phonar Nation, create video games and so much more!

Badges show off that youth have developed specific skills -- skills that can help them in school and later in life. Summer of Learning badges can be collected online, earning them the ability to compete in citywide competitions, participate in the end-of summer celebration and explore subjects that excite them.

Sign up today!

Contact Glassell RC directly at (323) 257-1863 or at [glassell.recreationcenter@lacity.org](mailto:glassell.recreationcenter@lacity.org).

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#### 4 **Editorial: Some bumps in the road on the way to a bike-friendly L.A**

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Cyclists bike up and down North Figueroa Street between Avenue 52 and Avenue 56 in Highland Park. (Los Angeles Times)

Building a bike-friendly L.A.: Well, no one said it was going to be easy

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As the city of Los Angeles continues its ambitious 35-year project to build out 1,684 miles of bikeways, it is running into resistance in some neighborhoods from politicians, merchants and residents. Plans to paint bike lanes on a three-mile stretch of North Figueroa from York Boulevard to Avenue 26, for example, have been stopped altogether by City Councilman Gil Cedillo, whose district includes that area. Cedillo says he heard strong opposition to the plan at community meetings and that some local fire and police officials told him it could pose a safety problem for emergency response vehicles..

"No one said it would be easy to make legions of drivers in car-obsessed Los Angeles relinquish a fraction of their lanes to bicycles."

City traffic engineers, meanwhile, say the fire and police officials they spoke to did not have problems with this particular route for emergency vehicles. And as for congestion worries, they're probably overblown. In fact, no traffic lanes would be removed on the northbound side of Figueroa in that stretch; they would just be narrowed to allow for the addition of a bike lane. On the southbound side, two vehicle lanes would be reduced to one. But Department of Transportation traffic engineers who studied the route estimate that southbound drivers would spend only an extra 41 to 46 seconds in traffic.

This battle is familiar. Building a bike-friendly city, a goal the City Council adopted when it passed its official city bicycle plan in 2011, requires clear, measurable trade-offs. Adding bike lanes reduces space for cars and irritates drivers; that's undeniable. But making the city safe and hospitable for cyclists can also reduce carbon emissions and overall congestion by luring Angelenos out of their cars. That's a worthwhile objective.

Unless some demonstrable miscalculation was made in the bike plan, or unless there's a real safety issue, individual City Council members should not be tinkering with the plan, which was designed

carefully with the whole city in mind. Currently, Los Angeles has 337.62 miles of dedicated bike lanes. Cedillo is looking at alternatives to the Figueroa corridor, but the city planners chose these designated routes for specific reasons; nearby streets, they say, won't work. The idea is to create a seamless network of bike lanes that allow cyclists to travel continuously from one point to another.

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## 5 Local Bar Group Leases Mr. T's Bowl Property

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Mr T's Bowl on North Figueroa Street.

The 1933 Group, which specializes in local bars, and currently runs La Cueva on Figueroa Street, has taken out a lease at the venerable Mr. T's Bowl. (Update: The former bowling alley turned rock club is still currently scheduling shows.)

According to at least one report, the group plans to renovate the actual bowling lanes at Mr. T's as well.

According to their website, the 1933 Group "have been doing our damndest to change the face of the LA bar scene by creating the perfect drinkery in our favorite neighborhoods—from the Eastside to the Westside. We have a passion for fine spirits and refined drinking locations. We've combined these two loves with our unique design aesthetic in the hopes of transporting you to another era, if only for the night."

Along with Cueva, 1933 group also manages Oldfield's, Harlow's, Bigfoot West and Bigfoot East, and Sassafras.

Interior demolition and remodeling will begin next week, according to a local source.

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